

Thanks to all the Districts/System on your hard work on submitting 2013-14 Fall Reports

NDE would like to send our appreciation to all districts/systems on your attention to the Due Dates and the effective use of the Audit Window Close dates in submitting your Fall Reports. The ongoing commitment to data quality is clearly present as demonstrated, in part, by the number of validation errors remaining on the final day of the audit window. The total number was down over 500 % from a year ago to roughly 250 outstanding errors. Great work!

Thank you for the continuous improvement focus and support in the data collection and use process.



NSSRS Validation Website Problems

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The NSSRS Validation website is currently experiencing frequent unexplained errors. NDE is working on this issue, but it may take a number of days to resolve. In the meantime, if you encounter an error page on the site, utilize your browser's back button to try your request again. If that fails, try closing the browser and opening a new browser session. We apologize for the inconvenience, and will try to get this resolved as quickly as possible.



2012-2013 Follow-up Collection #2 OPEN: November 1 DUE: November 15

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Public systems and Special Purpose systems only

TITLE I PROGRAMS: 2012-2013 for students served Title I during summer 2013 who were not reported during the regular school year.

STUDENT GRADES: For courses completed during summer 2013 and count toward the 2012-2013 school year.



2013-2014 November Collection OPEN: November 1 DUE: November 15

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STUDENT GRADES: For courses completed during Summer 2013 and count toward the 2013-2014 school year.

STUDENT SUMMARY ATTENDANCE: First day of school through October 15.



2013-2014 Year End OPEN: November 1 DATA EXTRACT: December 3

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STUDENT, SCHOOL ENROLLMENT and YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT.

Data extracted December 3 for preprinted labels for ELDA and NeSA-Writing.



December 2 Reminder – NSSRS data being pulled for ELDA Labels

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Data will be uploaded to Measurement Inc for preprinting labels for the English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) on December 3. Please ensure that the data for LEP eligible students (Field 95 in the 2013-2014 Student Template) is up-to-date prior to the upload.



District Report Cards

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During the April 2013, USDE Monitoring of Nebraska's Title I program, NDE received a finding concerning elements that were not easily found on the districts' websites. USDE stated the following:

Although the SEA demonstrated that all the required elements of the LEA report cards were available on the State website, the LEAs visited could not produce an LEA report card with all the required elements. To find all the elements of the report card, constituents must access multiple pages and visit multiple sites.

The following elements were not easily accessible:

- 1. Information, in the aggregate, on student achievement at each proficiency level on the on the State academic assessments disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, and migrant status; English proficiency and status as economically disadvantaged (where the minimum "n" has been met).*
- 2. Comparison of the actual achievement levels of each subgroup of students to the State's annual measurable objectives for each required assessment.*
- 3. The percentage of students not tested, disaggregated by the same categories noted in number one, by subject.*
- 4. Aggregate information on any other academic indicator used by the State to determine AYP; and aggregate information on any additional indicators used by the LEA to determine AYP.*
- 5. The number of recently arrived LEP students who are not assessed on the State's reading/language arts test.*

This information is being shared as a reminder of the District's requirements related to local report cards. The Non-Regulatory Guidance, *State and Local Report Cards, Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended, Revised February 8, 2013* is available at the following url: http://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/state_local_report_card_guidance_2-08-2013.pdf. Section C, beginning on page 20 of the document, specifically addresses Local Educational Agency (LEA) Responsibilities.



NCLB Consolidated Application

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The NCLB Consolidated Application re-opened on Friday, November 1, 2013. Districts having applications that have been returned for changes will be able to resubmit the applications once the changes have been made and the Consistency Check has been run. If problems are encountered when running the consistency check or submitting the application, please contact the NDE Help Desk for assistance. Any district that is needing to create and submit an amendment may also do so at this time



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

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The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be

changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Note: Graduation rates, Dropout data, and NePAS ranking will be available November 8.

Date	Activity
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
*November 8, 2013	Districts can preview their Graduation data, Dropout data, ACT, and NePAS Graduation rankings on the 2013 SOSR Preview before it is released on November 15.
*November 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Dropout data, and ACT added to SOSR

*** Updated information**



**Student Summary Attendance – Collection Period 1 – Open November 1
Due November 15**

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Public and State Operated Schools only

The first collection period for Student Summary Attendance is due November 15.

The date range for this first collection is: First Day of School (no earlier than July 1) – October 15.

Changes to state statute have eliminated the CDC's Excessive Absenteeism Monthly Collection and puts in its place four collection periods for the Student Summary Attendance Template . Each collection period has a date range and a due date.

Please refer to the 2013-2014 Student Template Instruction Manual and the 2013-14 NSSRS Calendar for details of all four collection periods and due dates. These documents are available on the NSSRS Resources page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>



2012-13 GMS Final Reimbursement Requests

Contact: Shane Rhian (402-471-4313 or shane.rhian@nebraska.gov)

Final reimbursement requests for federally funded grants paid through GMS are due to NDE Financial Services, in approvable format, by November 15, 2013.

Applicable grants include:

- McKinney Homeless Grant
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Title IA
 - Title ID
 - Title IIA
 - Title IID
 - Title III-IE
 - Title III-LEP
- SPED IDEA Collaborative Grant
- SPED IDEA Early Development Network Grant

- SPED IDEA Sec Transition Grant
- SPED IDEA Consolidated Grant
 - Base
 - Preschool
 - Enrollment - Poverty
 - CEIS
 - NonPublic
- Title I Accountability Funds
- Title IC – Migrant

When submitting reimbursement requests, keep the following in mind:

- Supporting documentation needs to be supplied for journal entries and credit card procurement charges
- When making payments to individuals, be specific as to what the payment is for
- For parent activities, be specific as to what was purchased and who participated in the activity
- Whenever computers are purchased with Title I Funds, they must be listed on the consolidated application on the Capital Outlay/Equipment – Operational Equipment page. Computer purchases cannot be approved if they are not listed. This includes electronic items such as ipads, ipods, Kindles, or anything considered small and attractive.
- Service Provider tab must be completed for all non-school district service providers for IDEA grants and supporting invoices submitted..
- Please ensure that the request is marked as a Final by checking the appropriate box and (Re)Calculate Closeout before submitting.
- Supporting documentation for Title II Part A must provide sufficient information to identify the “content” of the professional development activity. Professional development activity is to improve student achievement in the core academic areas. Funds should only be used for staff working in these areas. Refer to the ESEA Title II, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance for appropriate use of funds.
- A reminder, NCLB funds can never be paid to a non-public school.

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a “Helpdesk Request” from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

- a. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area’s NDE Trainer, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don’t forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at

the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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